

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) is necessarily absent.

Mr. KYL. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 35, nays 63, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 95 Leg.]

YEAS—35

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| Alexander | Enzi | Paul |
| Ayotte | Grassley | Portman |
| Barrasso | Hatch | Risch |
| Boozman | Hutchison | Rubio |
| Burr | Inhofe | Sessions |
| Chambliss | Isakson | Shelby |
| Coats | Johnson (WI) | Snowe |
| Coburn | Kyl | Thune |
| Corker | Lee | Toomey |
| Cornyn | McCain | Vitter |
| Crapo | McConnell | Wicker |
| DeMint | Moran | |

NAYS—63

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| Akaka | Gillibrand | Merkley |
| Baucus | Graham | Mikulski |
| Begich | Hagan | Murkowski |
| Bennet | Harkin | Murray |
| Bingaman | Heller | Nelson (NE) |
| Blumenthal | Hoeven | Nelson (FL) |
| Blunt | Inouye | Pryor |
| Boxer | Johanns | Reed |
| Brown (MA) | Johnson (SD) | Reid |
| Brown (OH) | Kerry | Roberts |
| Cantwell | Klobuchar | Sanders |
| Cardin | Kohl | Schumer |
| Carper | Landrieu | Shaheen |
| Casey | Lautenberg | Stabenow |
| Cochran | Leahy | Tester |
| Collins | Levin | Udall (CO) |
| Conrad | Lieberman | Udall (NM) |
| Coons | Lugar | Warner |
| Durbin | Manchin | Webb |
| Feinstein | McCaskill | Whitehouse |
| Franken | Menendez | Wyden |

NOT VOTING—2

Kirk Rockefeller

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order requiring 60 votes for the adoption of this amendment, the amendment is rejected.

Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to a vote on passage of the bill before us.

The Senator from South Dakota.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam President, I urge all Senators to support final passage of the Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act. Passing this bill today will make sure American exporters will not be put at a disadvantage to their foreign competitors, that nearly 300,000 American jobs will not be put at risk, and that the Ex-Im Bank will continue to return hundreds of millions of dollars to the Treasury.

I want to thank many of my colleagues for their leadership on this issue, including Ranking Member SHELBY, Senator WARNER, Senator CANTWELL, and Majority Leader REID.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize my staff for their hard work and important contributions to building bipartisan support for the reauthorization of the Ex-Im Bank.

In particular, I want to say a special thanks to Patrick Grant, Colin McGinnis, Adam Healy, Lev

Bagramian, and Charles Yi, who did exceptional work in the Banking Committee to help us get to this point today.

I am also pleased this bill, which passed out of the Banking Committee with unanimous bipartisan support, served as the framework for the House bill before us today. Once again, I strongly urge a "yes" vote on this important jobs legislation.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

If not, the question is on third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Shall the bill pass?

Mr. KERRY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

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Mr. KYL. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 78, nays 20, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 96 Leg.]

YEAS—78

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| Akaka | Feinstein | Mikulski |
| Alexander | Franken | Moran |
| Ayotte | Gillibrand | Murkowski |
| Baucus | Graham | Murray |
| Begich | Hagan | Nelson (NE) |
| Bennet | Harkin | Nelson (FL) |
| Bingaman | Heller | Portman |
| Blumenthal | Hoeven | Pryor |
| Blunt | Hutchison | Reed |
| Boozman | Inouye | Reid |
| Boxer | Isakson | Roberts |
| Brown (MA) | Johanns | Schumer |
| Brown (OH) | Johnson (SD) | Sessions |
| Burr | Kerry | Shaheen |
| Cantwell | Klobuchar | Shelby |
| Cardin | Kohl | Snowe |
| Carper | Landrieu | Stabenow |
| Casey | Lautenberg | Tester |
| Chambliss | Leahy | Thune |
| Coats | Levin | Udall (CO) |
| Coburn | Lieberman | Udall (NM) |
| Cochran | Lugar | Warner |
| Collins | Manchin | Webb |
| Conrad | McCaskill | Whitehouse |
| Cornyn | Menendez | Wicker |
| Durbin | Merkley | Wyden |

NAYS—20

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| Barrasso | Hatch | Paul |
| Corker | Inhofe | Risch |
| Cornyn | Johnson (WI) | Rubio |
| Crapo | Kyl | Sanders |
| DeMint | Lee | Toomey |
| Enzi | McCain | Vitter |
| Grassley | McConnell | |

NOT VOTING—2

Kirk Rockefeller

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The 60-vote threshold having been achieved, the bill is passed.

The majority leader is recognized.

STOP THE STUDENT LOAN INTEREST RATE HIKE ACT OF 2012—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. Madam President, I move now to proceed to Calendar No. 365.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2343) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the reduced interest rate for Federal Direct Stafford Loans, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF JEREMY C. STEIN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 646, Jeremy C. Stein, of Massachusetts, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] moves to proceed to calendar No. 646, Jeremy C. Stein, of Massachusetts, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk with respect to the Stein nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Jeremy C. Stein, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Jeff Bingaman, Christopher A. Coons, Carl Levin, Ron Wyden, Ben Nelson, Joseph I. Lieberman, Jeanne Shaheen, Richard Blumenthal, John F. Kerry, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein, Sheldon Whitehouse, Jeff Merkley, John D. Rockefeller IV, Tim Johnson.

NOMINATION OF JEROME H. POWELL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 647, Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be a